

PERSONAL - EYES ONLY

18 July 1962

Dr. Herbert Scoville  
Room 3-E-14

Dear Pete:

[REDACTED] who is a close friend of mine, called me on 18 July from San Francisco about a close friend of his.

[REDACTED]  
located in Palo Alto.

[REDACTED] is now a partner in a venture capital firm, having been a lawyer and a top officer of a California company thereafter. He also was in OSS during the war and worked with the Kachins in the Far East. I guess this was a part of the 101 Group. He is a very nice and responsible human being.

[REDACTED] according to [REDACTED] is an able scientist and has developed some sort of device which is apparently of interest to the Services, as well as other parts of the U.S.G. [REDACTED] says that, since the device has just been developed, it obviously is not classified but it will be very soon and that, consequently, he does not know too much about it. I gathered, however, from what he could say on the telephone, that it is an electronic device with audio qualities of some kind, which enables the user to listen in on conversations.

[REDACTED] will be in Washington either next Thursday or Friday in order to talk to the Services. [REDACTED] felt that it would be very helpful if someone in our outfit talked to [REDACTED] for two reasons: one, to find out whether or not the device has any interest for us and, secondly, to advise [REDACTED] on a purely personal basis as to whether or not he is seeing the right people in the Government about the device.

I realize that you are busy but it would seem to me that if you could possibly see [REDACTED] yourself you could, in pretty short time, cover both points plus steering him right for the future.

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I am sorry to write this rather than tell you, but Lisbon was too far away to telephone and I will be in London when you get back. I am suggesting to [REDACTED] that either he or [REDACTED] telephone you on [REDACTED] early in the week to see if some appointment can be arranged with you for Thursday or Friday.

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I talked to your secretary about this, but I am afraid that we were not able to reach any understanding. Many thanks and best regards.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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*P.S. This is a request for a favor - pure & simple. Due to my refusal for [REDACTED] - I would much appreciate it if you could do it.*

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*hay*

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A [REDACTED] called (identified himself only as being in DD/P) --

"I have a friend in California, really a respectable guy, who has a client, a scientist, who has an invention . . . ."

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This invention is presently unclassified, soon to be classified, and [REDACTED] was sure that Pete would be greatly interested in talking to the inventor. Mr B wanted to set up an appointment with Pete -- "an old buddy of his" -- to see said inventor next Thursday.

After many more words, [REDACTED] took our telephone number (gave him 7713, even though he asked if we had an outside line) and I believe he will have this man call us when he comes in next week.

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Inventor is [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] never  
called as of

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TO : [REDACTED]

DATE: 20 July 1962

FROM :

SUBJECT:

For Dr. Scoville's information, the following wire was sent to  
[REDACTED] on 20 July:

FOIAb3a

AS I WILL BE IN EUROPE WHEN [REDACTED] ARRIVES WASHINGTON  
HAVE ARRANGED FOR HIM TO SEE DR. SCOVILLE. SUGGEST YOU  
OR [REDACTED] CALL MY OFFICE NUMBER [REDACTED] TUESDAY AND MY  
SECRETARY WILL TRY ARRANGE SPECIFIC APPOINTMENT. BEST.

FOIAb3b

As indicated in [REDACTED] note to Dr. Scoville, I will call your  
office regarding the possibility of arranging this appointment after I hear  
from [REDACTED] Thank you.

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